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A Nellis F-15 sits ready to launch for a night 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. (Photo training mission. The Eagle belongs to the by Tech. Sgt. Don Holzer)

1,511 tapped for lieutenant colonel; captain JAG statistics also announced

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Calendar Year 2000A Central Line, Judge Advocate General, Chaplain, Medical Service Corps, Nurse Corps, Biomedical Sciences Corps lieutenant colonels, and Calendar Year 2000E Judge Advocate General captains boards selected 1,511 officers for promotion to lieutenant colonel and 27 officers for promotion to captain.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. The lieutenant colonel and captain's selection boards convened here Nov. 28 to consider 9,261 majors and 27 first lieutenants for promotion. The results of the boards are as follows:

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for lieutenant colonel:

Line - 1,118 officers selected from 1,718 considered for a 65.1 percent select rate.

JAG - 33 officers selected from 45 considered for a 73.3 percent select rate.

CHAP - 21 officers selected from 36 considered for a 58.3 percent select rate.

MSC - 28 officers selected from 37 considered for a 75.7 percent select rate.

NC - 67 officers selected from 125 considered for a 53.6 percent select rate.

BSC - 60 officers selected from 87 considered for a 69.0 percent select rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for lieutenant colonel:

Line - 43 officers selected from 1,946 considered for a 2.2 percent select rate.

JAG - 1 officer selected from 46 considered for a 2.2 percent select rate.

CHAP - 1 officer selected from 19 considered for a 5.3 percent select rate.

MSC - 0 officers selected from 11 considered for a 0.0 percent select rate.

NC - 5 officers selected from 80 considered for a 6.3 percent select rate.

BSC - 1 officer selected from 57 considered for a 1.8 percent select rate.

Selection statistics below-the-promotion zone lieutenant colonel:

Line - 128 officers selected from 4,280 considered for a 3.0 percent select rate.

JAG - 0 officers selected from 121 considered for a 0.0 percent select rate.

CHAP - 0 officers selected from 0 considered for a 0.0 percent select rate.

MSC - 2 officers selected from 98 considered for a 2.0 percent select rate.

NC - 3 officers selected from 360 considered for a 0.8 percent select rate.

BSC - 0 officers selected from 195 considered for a 0.0 percent select rate.

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone to captain.

JAG - 27 officers selected from 27 considered for a 100 percent select rate.

There were no officers considered APZ or BPZ for the Captain JAG board.

Nellis congratulates the following lieutenant colonel selects:

Tammy Von Busch
Jack Celie
Douglas Dehart
Mark Deysher
Kenneth Edwards
Michael Healy
Yvette Hird
Nina Mack
Pat Malackowski
Gregory Miller
Richard Miller
Jade Skinner
Dennis Shumaker
Doreen Smith
Theresa Tillock
Constantine Tzavaras
Paul Zabbo



Virtual Military Personnel Flight expands services

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force recently expanded the capability of the virtual Military Personnel Flight to include Guard and Reserve members. This expansion provides speed and convenience for those members not stationed near a military base.

"This update brings vMPF a little closer to becoming a total force package," said Lt. Col. Nellie Riley, chief of AFPC's Field Activities Division.

Last month alone, the vMPF Web site received more than 200,000 hits. This release, the third of the new vMPF, adds five applications for the Guard and Reserve:

- **Duty Status History:** allows service members to obtain a listing of current and previous duty information, including effective dates, Air Force Specialty Codes and duty titles.

- **Reenlistment Eligibility Inquiry:** allows members to see if they are eligible to re-enlist or eligible for waiver consideration.

- **Selected Reenlistment Bonus eligibility:** determines if a member is eligible for an SRB and in what zone.

- **Proof of service:** allows members to print their proof of service letter, a document needed by the Department of Veterans Affairs when purchasing a home.

- **Point credit history:** gives members the capability to view the points awarded towards retirement.

"Because any Reserve or Guard member is able to access the service modules where or whenever there is an internet connection, members can now check their total retirement points without waiting for a mailed copy from the Air Reserve Personnel Center," said Senior Master Sgt. Deborah Fuqua,

Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. "They can also print an authorized copy of their service history to prove eligibility for benefits."

"This is a great day for Reserve and Guard members," said Senior Master Sgt. Melody Mohigh of the Center's Distance Learning Branch, who is also a reservist. "These services, which will expand in future releases, allows those unit reservists and IMA's who live far from their unit, to have access to their personnel records from their homes."

any internet connected location. In addition to the added services for Reserve and Guard members, the vMPF has taken on a new look, using a more traditional navigation scheme and the toolbar is customized based on the person who logs in.

Continual improvements are being made to the vMPF and additional services will be brought on-line in increments. The fourth increment is projected to be released in June 2001, shortly after the modernized Personnel Data System

take time before everyone realizes the convenience of these new automated services, but once they do, they're hooked. Col. Riley said, "I haven't been inside a bank in nearly 10 years, so being able to conduct personnel business on-line will be another convenient, time-saving tool for me. Imagine being able to have access to services when the 'regular' MPF is closed, or when you're TDY but your records are back at your home station. Better yet, just imagine it's Sunday morning and you're at home in your pajamas having coffee and, at the same time, you're completing your initial retirement briefing on-line!"

Riley pointed out that vMPF services become even more convenient when a member is at a remote location like Camp Red Cloud; at a geographically separated unit miles from an MPF like Moron, Spain; on a hilltop at RAF Croughton; or at the embassy in Beijing.

"This is just the beginning of the vMPF services we plan to offer all Air Force members, active duty, Guard and Reserve," Col. Riley said. "It's in the infancy stage now, but it's growing quickly with 100 applications expected to be on-line by the end of this year."

For additional information about the vMPF, visit the knowledge management Web site at [HTTP://WWW.AFPC.RANDOLPH.AF.MIL/KM](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km). For more information about the new applications, contact HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center at 1-800-525-0102 or the Air Force Personnel Center Call Center at 1-800-558-1404.

Editor's note: Information provided by Air Force Personnel Center



In November 2000, the vMPF became a hit at the Worldwide Personnel Conference when it introduced a fast, convenient, accurate, efficient and secure way to conduct personnel business from anywhere in the world, at any time of the day or night. The vMPF provides user-friendly, self-service capability to all Air Force members allowing them to review, maintain, and initiate certain personnel actions from

is operational. It will feature an awards and decorations printout that actually depicts each person's ribbon rack as it should look on the uniform. It will also include additional personal data for Reserve and Guard members.

The benefits of the system are just now beginning to be recognized by Air Force members in the field. Much like electronic banking and automated teller machines, it will

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Building bridges

Annual prayer luncheon stresses the need for reconciliation, community involvement

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

"We belong to the U.S. military. Therefore we belong to every American citizen," said Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Lorraine K. Potter, deputy chief of chaplains, Headquarters United States Air Force. "We need to build bridges...bridges of reconciliation."

Officers, enlisted and civilian – more than 200 people came together for Nellis' prayer luncheon Tuesday at the Enlisted Club. Here at Nellis, this is the first year the gathering has been celebrated as a luncheon instead of a breakfast.

Prayer breakfast groups were organized in 1942 and met weekly to share and pray for their individual spiritual needs and affirm the dependency of America on God. Prayer breakfasts and luncheons have been officially observed in the Senate and House of Representatives beginning with President Dwight Eisenhower in 1953.

Chaplain Potter, as deputy chief of chaplains, assists the chief of Chaplain Service in directing and maintaining a trained, equipped and professional chaplain service, which consists of more than 2,350 active-duty, Guard and Reserve chaplains, enlisted support personnel and civilians.

According to Chaplain Potter, it is an honor to be serving. "There is no more exciting a ministry than what we have in uniform." What's different about the experience of being a military chaplain that is unequalled in civilian ministries, she explained, is getting to work with a whole variety of people in di-

verse backgrounds and learning to grow and stretch out. Military chaplains get to experience the presence of God in more diversified ways, she said.

"Nellis is a place where you know what's most important, and that is being prepared for whatever comes today and tomorrow," said Chaplain Potter. Often times when we are experiencing life not as we want it to be is when we really need to hear a word that will help us put things in perspective, she added. "We need to remember that everything in this world has God's fingerprint upon it, and that alone makes us special."

Every day we face anxieties that create great stresses in our lives and in our work. Much of our world is hurting, angry and rebellious, she said. According to Chaplain Potter, that is not what God intended our world to be at creation. "Our world is shrinking," said the chaplain. "We in the military know that what happens in one part of the world affects the entire world. We know that what happens in the Middle East is going to determine where we serve and what we do tomorrow."

She said that as members of the United States military we're bound with one purpose. We have pledged to defend our Constitution and all that it represents. We're serving our nation and our world to make it a free, just, safe and healthier place for all people.

"We need to realize that we have a unity of purpose," Chaplain Potter said. "My concern is that we need to take more seriously the building of bridges in our hearts, homes, communities and the world."



Brig. Gen. Lorraine Potter addresses more than 200 officers, enlisted and civilian personnel at Nellis' annual prayer luncheon Tuesday at the Enlisted Club. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)

C-130 mishap pilot offered nonjudicial punishment

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N. J. - Twenty-First Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. George N. Williams, offered nonjudicial punishment proceedings under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice to Capt. Darron A. Haughn Feb. 16.

Capt. Haughn was the pilot of a C-130 aircraft that impacted the ground short of the runway in December 1999 at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, killing three military passengers and injuring seven others.

One of the passengers killed, Capt. Michael Geragosian, was from Nellis' 66th Rescue Squadron.

"This decision comes after a lengthy personal review by Gen. Williams, based on the recommendations of Brig. Gen. Paul J. Fletcher, the 314th Airlift Wing commander at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., as well as the recommendations of a military judge who conducted a pretrial investigative hearing and

the accident investigation board report," said Capt. Jeff Glenn, Air Mobility Command spokesperson.

Haughn has three duty days, unless he requests an extension, to accept the offer of nonjudicial punishment proceedings or demand trial by court-martial. If he accepts nonjudicial punishment proceedings, he is entitled to present his case to Gen. Williams, who will then determine whether he committed any offense, and if so, whether he should be punished and what punishment to impose.

Punishment options which may be imposed by Gen. Williams under Article 15 include a reprimand, forfeiture of one half pay for two months, 30 days arrest in quarters and 60 days restriction, or various combinations of those punishment actions.

Generally, details of Article 15 proceedings are protected by the Privacy Act and the actual punishment imposed, if any, may not be disclosed.

Nearing military retirement?

The Survivor Benefit Plan is an attractive plan which service members often misunderstand and undervalue. Before retiring, your SBP counselor will schedule you and your spouse (if applicable) for a pre-retirement briefing. Since your family's financial security is at stake, it is important that you and your spouse learn all you can about the SBP. In addition to the briefing, various hand-outs are available to assist you in making your decision. Call Staff Sgt. Brian Sapp or Airman 1st Class Amy Murphy at 652-5972 for more information.



Action Line

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652-4636



Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

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I was wondering if you could let everyone in the Nellis community know what the consequences are (if any) for willfully littering on the base. Allow me to explain the reason that I bring it up.

Recently, I was driving through the main gate at just after noon. As I passed through the gate, a crumpled pack of cigarettes was jettisoned out the driver's window of the car in front of me. Slightly annoyed by the actions of the driver, I decided to follow him and inquire as to why he decided he had the right to drop garbage on the base. He pulled into the base auto parts store parking lot and I pulled up along side him.

I introduced myself and politely asked him if he made it a habit to litter on military installations. He immediately became upset and asked what I was talking about. When I repeated my question, he stated that he was in the Army for twenty-six years and he could do what he wanted. I very politely told

him that I was proud of his years of service to our country but asked if that gave him the right to throw trash on the base. He became very irate and responded with, "Tough @#!&!"

It is very disappointing to me that there are still people out there who take so little responsibility for their own actions. I have nothing but the utmost respect for anyone that does, or has ever, worn the uniform. That does not give them the right, however, to treat Nellis, or any other part of the country, as their personal trash can.

I am writing this in the hopes that the individual will see this and be embarrassed by his actions and behavior when confronted. My only regret was that, due to traffic flow, I was not able to stop and pick up the garbage so that I could return it to its rightful owner.



Thank you for your pride and comments regarding "litter

bugs" at Nellis and for caring. Unfortunately, there are a few folks that don't show the same pride that most have about the place we work, live, and shop.

Nellis consistently receives praise from our senior military leadership, our partners in the civic community, and each of you about the pride reflected in the condition of our base. It only takes one or two litter bugs to negate efforts of the majority to keep Nellis clean. We will continually stress pride in our home and be on the lookout for those who litter.

With all that said, if anyone sees something unsightly at Nellis, we ask you take action to help pick up the trash, or pull the unsightly weed or two. It is a team effort to keep our work and housing areas looking great. Again, I know I speak for all of the great men and women who take pride in our great country and base when I say "thank you" for taking the initiative and confronting someone who has forgotten what it means to "serve."



For supervisors only – fixes for our retention problem

By Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne
15th Air Base Wing
career assistance advisor

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — What drives enlisted folks out of the Air Force? Why do they stay? What can we do to make the Air Force a more attractive career option? I figure if I had these questions, some others did too. So, I decided to get some answers.

A couple months ago the results of the latest “exit” survey were released. People who are walking out the door complete this survey and their input is pretty candid. The number one reason enlisted folks are leaving? Availability of civilian jobs.

OK, I can buy that. After all, the economy’s been strong for a decade. There are tons of jobs out there, with the unemployment rate the lowest it’s been in years. There’s even talk about raising the minimum wage! But what about all the “great” jobs people talk about when they’re leaving the Air Force. I took a look at Fortune Magazine’s “Top 100 companies to work for” to find out what the draw is.

First, I looked at a company called Qualcomm. I’m not a techie, but I think they’re one of those high-tech firms that has run a great business the last couple years. Their growth rate for 1999? Of 90,000 applicants, they had minus 451 positions open up. Not a typo. Negative growth. Starting pay for a senior material coordinator? \$28,000 a year.

Maybe that was a fluke. Next I looked at USAA. They had 44,700 applicants that resulted in minus 163 jobs. Math isn’t my strong point, but I think the odds of getting rich might be better in Vegas. The pay is pretty good though. For a customer account professional the starting salary is just \$8,000 less per year than a senior airman with four years service makes.

One more ... Southwest Airlines is one of the top five companies to work for. 144,500 applicants, 1,314 new jobs... Their most common entry-level job pays \$17,000 per year. But if you land a job with them as a programmer/analyst, you can expect the

same amount a staff sergeant makes with eight years’ service.

Maybe the availability of jobs really isn’t the answer. Next on the list of reasons enlisted members leave is pay and allowances. Fair enough.

Back to the list of the best companies to work for. We already talked about the pay. American Express prides itself in that 90 percent of their employees give the company high marks for treating women and minorities fairly. Maybe we should lower our standard to 90 percent.

What about the high-tech world? SAS Institute, a major software developer, has a state-of-the-art fitness center, a clinic and subsidized child-care. I guess they took a tour of an Air Force base when they were laying out their facilities.

Here’s another example: FedEx offers 48 hours of professional training a year. Last time I checked, the Air Force probably offered at least that much.

Still no answer I’m satisfied with. So, I looked at the next three reasons that force people out the door. I just got a new set of glasses so I had to look again – no mistake. The reasons are recognition of one’s efforts, leadership at the unit level and job satisfaction. Things that don’t cost a penny but end up costing us years of experience when people walk out the door.

Unbelievable but true. Those three reasons cause discontent with our employees. I took a look at some startling data from several human resources firms in the civilian sector and found out we’re not alone! Lack of recognition and poor job satisfaction are the leading causes for employees to “job hop” on the other side of the fence.

What’s the moral of the story? If your folks are thinking about leaving the Air Force, I hope you’ll point out that the grass isn’t always greener on the other side of the fence – in a lot of cases, it’s still just grass. But more importantly, by taking steps to correct those things we control – like recognition of one’s efforts, leadership at the unit level and job satisfaction – you won’t put yourself in the position of having to explain the color of grass.

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Reverse auction saves AFPC nearly \$1 million

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center recently used high-speed Web technology to solve the costly, and sometimes overwhelming, task of purchasing computers. Through a process called Online Auctioning, a chess-like bidding war between suppliers via the Internet, the personnel center saved more than \$930,000 on 833 top-of-the-line computers.

"This technology has been used by private companies for the past couple of years with great success," said Bobby Allen, chief, Program Management Division. "With our eye on the plummeting prices in the world of online auctions, we were ready to take a crack at it ourselves."

Finally, a requirement for new 933 MHz computers was identified which coincidentally fit AFPC's idea of an ideal requirement for online auctioning.

"We already had the technology and now we had the need. It was finally time to give online auctioning a try," said Allen.

Online auctioning, commonly referred to as reverse auctioning, is a relatively new process that is worlds apart from the standard procurement

practice. It allows the bidders to see their competitors' bids, but in turn masks the company's identity. This causes the bidders to compete by lowering their price.

"This was our chance to test e-commerce and see what kind of savings we could get," said Michael Brula, chief, Business Management Branch. Reverse auctioning allows all qualified and interested participants a base time of 30-minutes to bid on a non-negotiable contract. The companies jockey for the contract by submitting lower figures than their competitors.

"There's a time limit for which the contract can be bid on, so we are getting what we want at the best price available," said Allen.

The only way an auction can be extended past the 30-minute window is if a bid is submitted within the final five minutes, thus giving each participant an additional five minutes to submit a new bid. At a minimum bid of \$500, companies will use this exception to literally buy themselves more time.

"The bidding was so competitive in our case that we received 36, 5-minute extensions — that's amazing

and unheard of in this type of format," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Preusser, acquisition manager.

Finally, after more than four hours of intense bidding, the clock ran out.

"Reverse auctioning saved us and the Air Force a lot of money," said Allen. "It's very rewarding to see something like this happen."

The savings for AFPC is computed by comparing the final contract price with prices offered on existing General Services Administration schedules. GSA's quote for the exact same equipment was a little more than \$2.065 million — 45 percent higher than the actual contract awarded.

"We've been patiently waiting for this opportunity and are extremely pleased with the results," said Allen. "The return we received is amazing considering the ease in which the system works. I think this will set the standard for similar transactions in the future — hopefully, the near future."

From start to finish, the reverse auctioning process took a handful of people 12 days to complete.

"It could have taken months to award a contract like this in the past," said Preusser. "Instead, we expect the systems to be shipped

before the end of the month — less than three weeks after the auction."

"Reverse auctioning is on the tip of the IT (information technology) procurement spear. It is an enabler allowing us to maximize two of our most valuable resources — our money and our time," said Lt. Col. William "Clark" Kent, commander 12th Contracting Squadron here.

Overall, what this means to the average taxpayer is more for their buck. Instead of the military purchasing the proverbial thousand-dollar wrench, they are able to stretch their already under-funded budgets and acquire the tools needed to operate efficiently.

"We were able to increase the buying power of our budget by 30 percent," said Allen.

But reverse auctioning could end up being bigger than just the personnel community.

"There were a lot of people watching this auction process," said Allen. "From the personnel center to the Pentagon, they had as much interest in the process as we did. I just hope they are as excited as we are."

Editor's note: Information provided by Air Force News Service.



Military briefs

Officer volunteers needed

Palace Envoy 01-006 is a high-priority, high-visibility effort of national importance. The UN Observers mission requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries which have had few previous contacts with the U.S. military. Therefore, UN Observers nominees must possess a high level of interpersonal skills, as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self discipline. UN Observers are from all branches of our armed services and provide an excellent opportunity for joint exposure and career broadening. Tour length is 184 days.

Requirements:

- A. Grade: O-4
- B. Minimum of six years of active commissioned service
- C. Security Clearance: Secret
- D. Staff Experience: Tactical unit/vessel staff level assignment
- E. Meet service height and weight standards
- F. Passed appropriate service PT test within last 90 days
- G. Official passport
- H. Valid civilian drivers license good through deployment
- I. Basic proficiency in topographical map reading and HF radio operation
- J. Foreign language: Portuguese desirable but not mandatory

Volunteer packages must be submitted by March 1. Fax a copy of nomination package to Headquarters Air Force personnel Center at DSN 665-3805. E-mail: dpwrn@afpc.randolph.af.mil

Group life insurance

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Emergency data

Don't wait for an emergency to happen before discovering that your DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, is out of date. For this reason, it is imperative that military members

keep their DD Form 93 accurate and current. Please stop by the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section to update your DD Form 93 anytime your family (including parents) moves. Call 652-9073 for more information.

Chiefs needed

The AFPC Chiefs' Group in conjunction with Headquarters Air Combat Command, is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position, 67th Information Operations Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, reporting by June 4. Contact the MPF Customer Service Section at 652-9073 for additional information.

The AFPC Chiefs' Group in conjunction with Headquarters Air Combat Command, is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va., reporting by June 30. Contact the MPF Customer Service section at 652-9073 for additional information.

Enlisted aide requirement

The Air Force General's Group is soliciting enthusiastic applicants to fill a future requirement at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desirable. If you possess a "can-do" attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, enlisted aide duty may be for you. Volunteers must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. Contact the MPF Customer Service section at 652-9073 for additional information.

Position available

A requirement exists for one Air Force Reserve member to serve a four-year air guard reserve tour of active duty at Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Applicants must be master sergeant or below with specialty code 3NO71. Report date is May 31. Eligible enlisted members may send applications through their immediate commander or agency of assignment to HQ AFRC/RSP, 64 Green St. Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 (Attn: SMSgt Wilhelm). Each applicant must meet all eligibility requirements of AFI 36-2115. POC: CMSgt Eric Snipes, HQ AFRC/RSSA, DSN 497-0161 or commercial (478) 327-0161.



Nellis Honor Guard

Mr. Jeff Bush, Channel 13 cameraman, records the Nellis Honor Guard at the funeral of retired Tech. Sgt. Duke DeGuilio Feb. 14 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, Nev. Channel 13 was at the funeral to do a story on the Nellis Honor Guard activities and importance to the community. The news segment aired Feb. 14. The honor guard routinely provides honors at funerals for veterans. Anyone interested in being a member of the honor guard can contact them at 652-4136. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington)

Appreciation luncheon

The Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association is sponsoring an "Honor the Honor Guard" appreciation luncheon on April 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Nellis Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Make reservations by contacting Mr. Wilkie Walker at 652-7263 or 652-7262. Reservations may be charged to Enlisted or Officers' Club accounts. Cost of luncheon is \$6.50. Reservations or cancellations must be confirmed by the close of business on Mar. 30.



Ecstasy trashes Air Force careers

by Maj. Jeffrey Palmer
**30th Space Wing deputy
staff judge advocate**

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — When a person takes, or “rolls” on, ecstasy, it can be almost like an out-of-body experience. An overwhelming sense of euphoria takes over, with all the senses peaked to maximum capacity. Ordinary things take on extraordinary dimensions.

For some, ecstasy sounds pretty cool. But what is really happening when you take ecstasy?

Ecstasy, or methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), is a powerful chemical compound which harms neurons that release serotonin, a chemical in the brain that is thought to play an important role in regulating memory and other functions.

Ecstasy also increases your heart rate and body temperature and can lead to severe dehydration. At the University of California at Santa Barbara, a student recently died of cardiac arrest during her first and only use of ecstasy. Also, the muscles in the jaw contract involuntarily, causing teeth grinding.

Frequently, the cheek lining and tongue are chewed without the user realizing it, so an infant pacifier is a standard piece of the drug user’s paraphernalia.

In people who use ecstasy, the lasting effects include significant impairments in visual and verbal memory, impairments in other cognitive functions, such as the ability to sustain attention or reason verbally.

The first studies of the neurotoxic effects of ecstasy occurred more than seven years ago on

research animals. Today, the animals are brain damaged.

One conclusion drawn from these studies is that the effects of ecstasy are long-lasting and possibly permanent.

Perhaps some are willing to put their bodies through that experience and risk the dangers of side effects, but at what personal cost? At Vandenberg, there were five ecstasy courts-martial last year. There were also a few ecstasy users who received Article 15 punishments and discharges.

Each of those young people’s lives has changed forever. I seriously doubt that any of them considered the full impact ecstasy would have on their careers or their futures when they “rolled.”

In 2000, the number of ecstasy investigations conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations increased by more than 400 percent from 1999. Air Force-wide, the number of positive urinalysis tests for ecstasy increased by more than 200 percent from 1999. While it has quickly become the drug of choice for young people across the country, it’s now encroaching on the Air Force. Where does it all end?

Well, if you’re in the Air Force it has to end here and now. Education is one of the keys to deterring illegal drug use by our people. Everyone needs to understand the consequences of ecstasy use – not just the physiological consequences to the body and brain, but the personal consequences to his or her Air Force career and to his or her aspirations for the future.

Could a few moments of ecstasy ever be worth that?



Air Force people taking care of their own

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The 2001 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign begins Feb. 26 and runs through March 30. "Commitment to Caring" is the campaign's permanent theme.

Last year's contributions totaled nearly \$4.3 million. The Air Force goal for the 2001 AFAF Campaign is \$3.4 million.

The annual AFAF campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families.

The organizations:

— The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force, which can be accessed worldwide for emergency financial assistance. The top priority is assistance to active duty members and their families, but consideration is given to assisting retirees and

widows on a limited, case-by-case basis. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members on extended active duty under Title 10 U.S.C. can also be eligible for emergency assistance when circumstances warrant. The Air Force Aid Society also offers education assistance programs, and an array of base level community enhancement programs. Local Family Support Centers can provide full details on programs and eligibility. Information is also available on their Web site at www.afas.org.

— The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc. is located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The foundation provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people who live among peers sharing memories of Air Force life without the stigma

normally associated with subsidized housing facilities. Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. For more information, send e-mail to afewh@emeraldcoast.com.

— The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund. The Village, located in San Antonio, is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. Their indigent widows fund provides support to indigent widows and widowers of Air Force officers. For more information visit the Web site at www.airforcevillages.com.

— The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. Not all indigent widows or widowers want, or are able to move to one of the retirement homes. The LeMay foundation provides rent and fi-

nancial assistance to indigent officers' and enlisted widows or widowers in their own home and community.

For more information visit the Web site at www.afvw.com/lemay.html.

Donations to the AFAF campaign can be made through cash or check contributions or payroll deduction. Contributors may designate their contributions to one or more of the four charities and 100 percent of their AFAF contribution is passed to their chosen charities. Contributions to the AFAF are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes as an itemized deduction.

For more information on the AFAF campaign, check out the Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund, then click on "Fundraising." For more information, call Capt. Teresa Suh, at 652-9474.



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Christian Jorg



Unit: 57th Logistics Support Squadron

Duty Title: F-15 squadron lead crew member

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Time in Air Force: 5 years and 4 months

Time at Nellis: 2 years and 10 months

Hobbies: Basketball and sports

What's my favorite Air Force memory? Going TDY to Aviano Air Base, Italy, in support of Bosnia operations.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis? I'd like to see more personalized service at the finance office.



Photo by Senior Airman Kenny Kennemer



Public information meetings for transportation issues

The Nevada Department of Transportation has been working with agencies and residents to identify current and future traffic problems and improvement strategies for the northeast Las Vegas Valley. Public information meetings will be held Tuesday and Wednesday so that public input can be received.

The area being studied, called the I-15 Northeast Corridor, includes the northeast region of the valley, bordered by Bonanza Road on the south, Martin Luther King Boulevard on the west, Hollywood Boulevard on the east and Apex on the north.

On Tuesday the public may attend the meeting any time between

4 and 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Manor Town Hall, 1106 North Nellis Boulevard, at Washington. On Wednesday, the same meeting will be 4 to 7 p.m. at Raul P. Elizondo Elementary School, 4865 Goldfield Street, North Las Vegas, north of Craig between North 5th and Commerce.

NDOT would really like the participation and input from Nellis personnel. For additional information about these public information meetings or the study, contact the I-15 Northeast Corridor Study Office at 486-3541.

Editor's note: Information provided by the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Awards banquet

The 99th Logistics Group is hosting its third annual Logistics Professional of the Year banquet March 29 at the Officers Club. Dinner is a choice of grilled chicken breast, or London broil beef. \$15 for club members and \$18 for non-members. Mess Dress/Semi-formal for military personnel and coat and tie/semi-formal for civilians. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Mary Saunders, commander, Defense Logistics Agency. 99th LG members should contact their squadron representatives for tickets. For more information, call 652-7559.

How do I get a vehicle pass?

Have you ever wondered how to get a pass for a friend or relative to visit Nellis? Here are the basic requirements. And as always, the Visitor Control Center has people on duty to assist you with any question. Passes are normally good for up to 72 hours.

To get a pass for someone you must be able to do one of the following:

- Show a valid Department of Defense I.D. card
- Be listed on the base alpha roster or authenticated listing granting vouching authority and
- Be 18 years old

For a visitor to obtain a pass they must:

- Provide a valid ID

To obtain a temporary vehicle pass, the driver must provide:

- Valid drivers license
- Proof of insurance
- Vehicle registration or
- Rental agreement

The Visitor Control Center also handles installation vehicle registration for both active duty and retired people. Personnel assigned to Nellis should register their vehicles at unit orderly rooms whenever possible.

To register a vehicle, personnel must:

- Present a valid Department of Defense ID
- State vehicle driver's license
- Proof of insurance
- Vehicle registration other than a temporary registration.

Vehicles not registered in the state of Nevada must also present a copy of a passing vehicle smog check within the last year

- If renewing, bring the serial number from DD Form 2220 (DoD decal) currently on the vehicle

For more information, call the Visitor Control Center at 652-3216 or 652-3218.



Base Theater 652-5020

Today
All the Pretty Horses (PG-13)
Matt Damon, Penelope Cruz

Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Thirteen Days (PG-13)
Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood

Thursday
Double Take (P-13)
Eddie Griffin, Orlando Jones

**** The theater is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. ****

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the e-mail list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcn.com.

Chapel 652-2950

Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Religious education

Catholic religious educa-

tion classes for ages 3 through 12th grade are Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953.

RCIA, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 651-6587.

Protestant religious education classes (18 months to adult) are Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

Young Adult Ministry meets Tuesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel will not meet this Sunday, but regularly meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

Widows in the Neighbor-

hood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Christian Military Fellowship joins Officers' Christian Fellowship in providing weekly Bible studies to all ranks. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

"Lord, I Want to Know You" is a study of the names and character of God. Classes are Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 643-5981.

Gospel Extravaganza: Come celebrate Gospel music in celebration of Black History Month! The African American Cultural Association will

be hosting a Gospel Extravaganza at the base chapel on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Choirs from Mountaintop Faith Ministries and Victory Missionary Baptist Church will join the Nellis Chapel Choir. For more information, call 652-4648.

Lenten devotionals and luncheons: Catholic and Protestant devotions will be offered each Wednesday during Lent (Feb. 28 - Apr 4) at 11:30 a.m. The two parishes will then join together at noon for an ecumenical soup and bread luncheon.

Education Center 652-5280

Top Up program

The Top Up program allows the VA to pay Montgomery GI Bill participants' tuition and fees not covered by Tu-

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ition Assistance. Available only to Chapter 30 participants, i.e. students who entered active duty for the first time on or after July 1, 1985, and accepted the GI Bill. The benefit is retroactive for courses starting on or after Nov. 1, 2000. Want to know more? Please stop by or call the Education Center at 2-5280.

SOS

Great news! The hold on the paper and CD-Rom versions of SOS has been lifted. If you are a "pinned on" captain and interested in enrolling in SOS by correspondence, call the Education Center today at 2-5280.

University of Oklahoma

Organizations: Design, Structure and Process (PSC 5102) begins March 31. Deadline to enroll for this course is March 1. OU offers the master of public administration, a 36-hour professional degree program which may be completed in less than 2 years. For more information, call 652-9453 or e-mail apnellis@ou.edu.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Starting a business

The majority of small businesses will fail within the first five years. Are you ready to take the risk? Experts from the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) will be present on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. at this thought-provoking workshop. This workshop will provide you with the tools necessary to be your own boss. Come to the Family Support Center and learn how to be effective in developing, managing, and marketing your own business. Let the experts share their secrets of success with you.

Airman's Attic

While donations to the Airman's Attic are greatly appreciated by the volunteers and the patrons,

please do not leave any items at the front door. If items cannot be donated when the Attic is open, please leave them on the loading dock on the side of the building. They cannot accept adult or children's clothing larger than 2T, toys, books or hazardous materials like paint, adhesives or propane gas tanks. If you have questions, please call the Family Support Center, 652-3327.

Volunteer workshop

The president of Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA), Ms. Barbara Grostick, will present a workshop on the advantages of volunteering as related to career enhancement. The discussion on Monday, Mar. 1, from 12 to 1 p.m. will include learning marketable skills; adding "real value" to your work portfolio; strengthening your resume; and "checking out" prospective employers through volunteering. Call now to sign up!

Sponsor training

If you are sponsoring someone and would like to make the experience a positive one for both of you, come to the sponsorship training class on Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. This class is provided for newly assigned sponsors to help make the Sponsorship Program more effective.

Job search

Each Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. the Family Support Center helps people find jobs. Come to Job Search in Las Vegas and see how the Career Focus Program can help with resumes, interviewing techniques, and networking. Register for our easy and effective computerized job bank! Call 652-3327 to register.

Transition assistance

Transition Assistance Program Strategies is a 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life. It is offered in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs. Designed for retiring or separating personnel, registration is required.



Julian Trausch helps prepare the Child Development Center for a flower and vegetable garden. (Photo by Senior Airman Chris Flahive)

Nellis Boys & Girls Club 652-9307

Cooking classes

Ages 11 through 18 can be creative in the kitchen. Hands-on cooking is at 2 p.m. and cake decorating at 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Boys & Girls Club. Cost for each class is \$10 per month.

Fashion show

Come to the Community Center "Dock" today at 6 p.m. for a free fashion show. Casual, sport and after-five apparel from the AAFES Base Exchange will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

Guitar lessons

Youth ages 5 years to adult can take private guitar lessons at the Boys & Girls Club Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 8 p.m. Price is \$40 per month for half-hour lessons and \$60 per month for forty-five-minute lessons. Call 652-9307 for more information.

Dance classes

Ages 3 years to adult can take weekly classes of ballet, tap, jazz, modern and Irish dance or a combination class of two or more subjects at the Boys & Girls Club. Activity cards are required for all youth ages 6

and up. Prices vary according to age and length of class. Call 652-9307 for class schedules.

Mountasia field trip

The Boys & Girls Club is taking young adults ages 9 through 18 on a trip to Mountasia Family Fun Center from 5 to 9 p.m. March 9. Cost is \$6.95 and van leaves the club at 5 p.m. Call to reserve.

Tickets & Tours 652-2192

Speedway tickets

Discounted speedway tickets available at Tickets and Tours Mar. 2 for the Orleans Pole Day. Cost is \$11 for both the 1st qualifying race at 12:15 p.m. and 2nd Qualifying race at 2:15 p.m. For Mar. 3, tickets are \$16 for the Sam's Town 300 starting at 12:30 p.m. Get them while supplies last! Call 652-2192 for more information.

Ski at Brian Head

Ski at Brian Head, Utah, with Tickets & Tours' Ski Trip March 17. Sign-up deadline is March 7. Bus leaves approximately 4 a.m. from Building 625 and leaves from Brian Head at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and includes lift ticket. Ski rentals are not included in price. Outdoor Recreation rentals are available. Call Tickets & Tours for more information, 652-2192.

Volunteer Opportunities

Excellence Award

Do you have an outstanding volunteer who deserves recognition? Submit them for the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. This prestigious award is given by the U.S. Air Force chief of staff, and individuals may receive this award only once in a lifetime. The VEA was established to recognize federal civilians, family members, and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service. Military members are not eligible for this award, because the military system has specific awards for volunteers. To be eligible, an individual must volunteer either in the local civilian community or the military community. For more information or to get a nomination packet, please contact the Volunteer Resource Program manager at the Family Support Center at 652-3327. Submissions are due March 16.

Reading Week

Volunteers are needed to read to school children during Nevada Reading Week between Wednesday and March 3. To volunteer at Robert E. Lake Elementary, call Mr. John Diggins at 614-9439 or call 799-4920 to volunteer at Lomie Heard.